

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 3, please amend the "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP03/08134, filed June 26, 2003. In addition, this ~~This~~-application claims the benefit of priority to Japan Patent Application No. 2002-185866, filed on June 26, 2002, and Japan Patent Application No. 2003-37167, filed on February 14, 2003, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please delete the original Sequence Listing and replace it with the Substitute Sequence Listing provided as an attachment to this Preliminary Amendment.